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Amendment

In the Claims:

Please substitute the following replacement claim for the corresponding pending claim in the application:

q A1 10. (Amended) The tilt-latch of claim 1 wherein the actuator has an underside surface, the underside surface having a recessed portion accommodating the cover of the housing.

11. (Amended) The tilt-latch of claim 10 wherein the actuator is rectangular, the recessed portion being rectangular and corresponding in size to the cover.

12. (Amended) The tilt-latch of claim 10 wherein the cover has a rear transverse edge that engages a rear transverse edge defined by the recessed portion of the actuator.

C/A2 20. (Amended) The tilt-latch of claim 19 wherein each header slot defines a pair of header rails and the housing has sidewalls wherein the means for supporting comprises a longitudinal groove on each sidewall, the longitudinal groove receiving the header rail to support the housing in the top rail.

Please add the following claims.

C/A3 -- 41. (Added) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles connected together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releasably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising:

a housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening and a cover, the cover having opposed longitudinal peripheral edges;

a latch bolt disposed within the housing and having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails; and,

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an actuator connected to the latch bolt and sized to be positioned over the entire cover, the actuator having opposed depending longitudinal flanges, wherein the flanges are positioned over the peripheral edges and slide along the peripheral edges when the latch bolt is retracted into the housing.

42. (Added) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles connected together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising:

a housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening and a cover;

a latch bolt disposed within the housing and having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails; and,

an actuator connected to the latch bolt and sized to be positioned over the entire cover, wherein the housing is adapted for substantially flush installation in the top rail wherein the cover is positioned on the top rail, wherein the actuator slides along the cover when retracting the latch bolt into the housing exposing a front segment of the cover.

43. (Added) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles connected together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising:

a housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening and a cover;

a latch bolt disposed within the housing and having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails, the latch bolt further having a slot; and,

an actuator positioned over the entire cover, the actuator having a post, the post being received by the slot to connect the latch bolt and the actuator.

44. (Added) The tilt-latch of claim 43 wherein latch bolt has a finger extending into the slot and the actuator post has a tab, the tab engaging an underside of the finger.

45. (Added) The tilt-latch of claim 43 wherein the cover has an elongated opening wherein the post extends through the elongated opening and into the slot.

46. (Added) The tilt-latch of claim 43 wherein the actuator has a pair of ridges depending from an underside of the actuator and extending from the post.

47. (Added) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles connected together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising:

a housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening and a cover;

a latch bolt disposed within the housing and having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails; and,

an actuator connected to the latch bolt and sized to be positioned over the entire cover, the actuator having a control button.

48. (Added) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles connected together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising:

a housing adapted to for substantially flush installation in the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening and a cover;

a latch bolt disposed within the housing and having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails; and,

an actuator connected to the latch bolt and sized to be positioned over the entire cover, wherein the actuator slides along a top surface of the top rail when the latch bolt is retracted into the housing.

49. (Added) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles connected together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising:

a housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening, a cover, and a depending tab adapted for engaging one of the stiles;

a latch bolt disposed within the housing and having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails; and,

an actuator connected to the latch bolt and sized to be positioned over the entire cover.

50. (Added) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles connected together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising:

a plastic housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening and a cover with opposed longitudinal peripheral edges;

a plastic latch bolt disposed within the housing and having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails; and,

a metal actuator connected to the latch bolt, wherein the actuator is sized to be positioned over the entire cover, and wherein the actuator has opposed depending longitudinal flanges, the flanges being positioned over the peripheral edges of the cover whereby the flanges slide along the peripheral edges when the latch bolt is retracted into the housing.

51. (Added) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles connected together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising:

a plastic housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening and a cover with opposed longitudinal peripheral edges;

a plastic latch bolt disposed within the housing and having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails; and,

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a metal actuator connected to the latch bolt, wherein the actuator is sized to be positioned over the entire cover, and wherein the actuator has opposed depending longitudinal flanges, the flanges being positioned over the peripheral edges of the cover whereby the actuator slides along the cover when retracting the latch bolt into the housing exposing a front segment of the cover.

52. (Added) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles connected together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising:

a plastic housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening;

a plastic latch bolt disposed within the housing and having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails, the latch bolt further having a slot; and

a metal actuator connected to the latch bolt, the actuator having a post, the post being received by the slot.

53. (Added) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles connected together at their

extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising:

a plastic housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening;

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a plastic latch bolt disposed within the housing and having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails, the latch bolt further having a slot and a finger extending into the slot ; and

a metal actuator connected to the latch bolt, the actuator having a post, the post being received by the slot, the post having a tab, the tab engaging an underside of the finger.

54. (Added) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles connected together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising

a plastic housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening and a cover, the cover having an elongated opening;

a plastic latch bolt disposed within the housing and having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails, the latch bolt further having a slot; and

a metal actuator connected to the latch bolt, the actuator having a post wherein the post extends through the elongated opening and into the slot.

55. (Added) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles connected together at their

extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising:

a plastic housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening;

a plastic latch bolt disposed within the housing and having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails; and

a metal actuator connected to the latch bolt, the actuator having a control button.

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56. (Added) An actuator for a tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles connected together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprises a housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening and a cover having opposed longitudinal peripheral edges, and a latch bolt disposed within the housing and having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails, the actuator comprising:

an elongated body connected to the latch bolt and sized to be positioned over the entire cover, wherein the actuator has opposed depending longitudinal flanges, the flanges adapted to be positioned over the peripheral edges and slide along the peripheral edges when the latch bolt is retracted into the housing.

57. (Added) An actuator for a tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles connected together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the

master frame, the tilt-latch comprises a housing adapted to be supported by the top rail and for substantially flush installation in the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening and a cover wherein the cover is adapted to be positioned on the top rail, and a latch bolt disposed within the housing and having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails, the actuator comprising:

an elongated body connected to the latch bolt and sized to be positioned over the entire cover, wherein the actuator is adapted to slide along the cover when retracting the latch bolt into the housing exposing a front segment of the cover.

58. (Added) An actuator for a tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles connected together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprises a housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening and a cover, and a latch bolt disposed within the housing and having a slot and a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails, the actuator comprising:

an elongated body connected to the latch bolt and sized to be positioned over the entire cover, the body having a post adapted to be received by the slot in the latch bolt. --

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending in this Application. By this Amendment, claims 10-12, and 20 have been amended and claims 41-58 have been added. As a result, claims 1-58 are at issue in this Application.